**DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 200-07-16** 

**DATE:** January 1, 2016

FROM: Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor

**SUBJECT:** Agency Policy on Payment of Travel and Appropriate Time Code regarding an Appeal or Grievance Hearing

- 1. <u>Purpose.</u> To inform employees of Agency policy in regard to Appeal and Grievance Hearings.
- 2. Reference. K.A.R. 1-12-1
- 3. Policy.

## Appeal and Grievance Hearings Travel Policy

When an employee of the Department of Labor is required to attend an Evaluation Appeal Hearing or a Grievance Hearing he/she will be paid appropriate in-state travel reimbursement in accordance with the Employee Travel Expense Reimbursement Handbook. Employees are reminded that ride sharing must be accomplished whenever possible. The employee must meet one of the following criteria to qualify for reimbursement.

## Appeal Hearing/Grievance Hearing Travel Policy

The employee must be the appellant, rater, reviewer, committee member, aggrieved employee, grievance committee member or investigator appointed by the grievance committee.

Before a witness can be paid allowable in-state travel reimbursement expenses, a memo must be sent to the Secretary requesting such payment. The memo should contain the names of the witnesses, where they are from and a statement justifying their personal appearance. Upon the Secretary's approval of the request, travel expense reimbursement will be allowed in accordance with State and Agency regulations.

## Appeal and Grievance Hearings Time Distribution Codes

If an agency employee is called to appear as a witness in a grievance or appeal hearing, the time should be charged to the project code and function code determined by the Unit or Division in which the aggrieved party works. If the aggrieved party works for the following units, grievance committee members and witnesses would charge their time accordingly.

## Unit Aggrieved Party Works In

Unemployment Insurance - 210/050 AS&T - 296/IND Workers Compensation - 671/050

If the aggrieved party does not work in any of the above program areas, contact Fiscal Management as to the proper time code to be used.

- 4. Action Required. All employees are to adhere to the contents of this Directive.
- 5. Inquiries. Annette Morris, (785) 296-5000 x2554.

Signature on file
Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor

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